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MR. AND MRS. FRANK BEN-NETT of North Newry, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last week.

MISS MAE E. WILEY

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, Dec. 7th, at 2 o'clock, for Miss Mae E. Wiley of Pomona, California, a former resident of Bethel. The service will be from the Greenleaf funeral home.

Miss Wiley died Nov. 28, very suddenly, of heart disease, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson of Pomona, with whom she had made her home for a number of years.

She was born in the town of Bethel, Jan. 28, 1856, the daughter of Dr. Robert Goodwin and Mary E. Twitchell Wiley. She graduated from Gould Academy and lived with her father until his death. The greater part of her life was spent in Bethel. She was a member of Purity Chapter, O. E. S., and Sunset Rebekah Lodge.

For the last 15 years Miss Wiley has lived in Pomona. She had a wide circle of friends there, and was active in many organizations including the Congregational Church and Sunday School, the Community Club, the Garden Club, etc.

She is survived by two nephews, Mellen Wiley of Chicago, Dr. Arthur G. Wiley of Bar Mills; two nieces, Mrs. George Chase of Portland and Mrs. Harvey McClure of Bangor; and four grand-nieces and a grand-nephew—also by a cousin, Miss Janette Wiley of Fryeburg.

Selectees Should Take Little Clothing

Local Boards of the Selective Service System throughout Maine are instructed to discourage selectees from taking too much clothing, baggage and personal property to the Induction Station. Since all men are completely outfitted within a few hours of their arrival, except for the clothes they are wearing, nearly everything now being taken by them is superfluous.

When the men leave the Reception Center for the Replacement Training Center, in most cases within a few days, no baggage other than the man's barracks bag is allowed to accompany him, and there will be very little room for other items. Surplus civilian property must be shipped home at the man's own expense.

NOTICE

The Bethel Water Company accounts are past due. Accounts which are not settled or arrangements made to take care of the same by December 31, 1941 will be closed January 1, 1942 and the water shut off.

There is a charge of \$1.00 to reconnect the service.

Per order

The Directors.

STATE GRANGE HEAD URGES SUPPORT OF HOLMAN BILL DEC. 10

Charging that opponents of the one-half cent per gallon tax bill, up for referendum vote at the December 10 special election, were directing their fire at the issue by subterfuge F. Ardine Richardson, Master of the Maine State Grange, Tuesday called for united support at the polls to pass the measure.

Richardson, devoting a considerable portion of his annual report to the State Grange in convention in Lewiston, to the merits of the gas tax act declared that the opposition's principal contention was that the State Highway Commission had ample funds now to finance the provisions of the Holman Bill.

He explained that the Holman Bill which received passage by the 60th Legislature last spring provided for the state to relieve towns from certain maintenance costs on roads and that passage of the gas tax would provide funds to reimburse the state for the added service. The gas tax if approved by the electorate at the December 10 election would be operative only until July 1943 with anticipated general highway revenues at that time expected to be sufficient to take care of the new program, Richardson advised.

He further stressed that a possible average saving of three to five mills in municipal tax rates might be effected by the transfer of road costs from the towns to the state under the provisions of the Holman Bill.

The opposition directs its fire at the gas tax issue, seeking to center public attention on the false impression that ample funds are available to carry out the contemplated program without reverting to additional taxes, Richardson said.

They leave the Holman bill as well as the matter of the local tax reductions both of which are of major importance, out of the picture which is good strategy, if it works he warned.

Refuting opposition charges that the gas tax was giving the general property owner a preferred classification and making the highway user the goat, Richardson declared that the vast proportion of real property owners have cars or trucks and for the 18 months duration of the tax they would pay their share of the increase, depending upon how much they use the highways.

Challenging opponents' claims that it is unfair to exempt general property from highway costs, Richardson took occasion to point out that town appropriations for 1941 for road purposes amounted to approximately \$5,000,000 and that, even with the proposed transfer the appropriation would stand at nearly four and a half million dollars.

We admit our concern when Bureau of Taxation figures for 1941 show some 215 communities with rates of \$60 or over per \$1000 of valuation, and more than 100 with rates in excess of \$70 the high being \$135, he emphasized.

We see reason for concern, when unpaid taxes including deed and liens, on March 31, 1941 stood at \$6,583,625.00 We do not deny our concern at a rate of \$2.89 per \$100.00 of value, which is expected from real property in Maine, as compared with an average of \$12.4 for all other states.

We confess our concern at the steady parade of municipalities seeking legislative authority to deorganize, a trend we shall have trouble in halting, while Maine continues to have the highest property taxes of any state.

The appreciated gift, your home newspaper, \$2.3 subscriptions \$5.

Bethel Union Teachers Meet at Gateway House

On Thursday evening, Nov. 27, the teachers of the union composed of Bethel, Gilead, Greenwood, Newry and Upton met at the Gateway House.

At the September meeting of the teachers the date was set and a committee appointed for this get-together.

The committee composed of J. Omer Drummond and Mrs. Ethel Bisbee of Bethel and Mrs. Erna Adams of Locke Mills arranged for a delightful evening.

After a delicious chicken dinner had been served, a delightful program was carried out, Mr. Drummond acting as chairman.

The original place cards made by Miss Gwendolyn Stearns created much amusement. Supt. Carrie Wight welcomed the group and a period of singing was enjoyed. The speaker of the evening, Walter A. Hawkins of Bridgton, proved a delightful entertainer. That he believed in his subject, "The Value of a Sense of Humor," could not be questioned. His stories kept the teachers in laughter for an hour and the evening's program closed all too soon.

CARRIER—SHAW

Miss Clarice Campbell Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton F. Staples of Byron, and Leo Carrier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Carrier of Rumford, were married Saturday morning at the St. John's Church, Rumford, with the Rev. Fr. Paul Jalbert officiating. The double ring service was used. Arthur J. Beaudet was at the organ and Mrs. Agnès Bourret sang an Ave Maria.

The maid of honor was Miss Gisele Carrier, a sister of the bridegroom and the best man was Emile Carrier, a brother of the bridegroom.

The bride wore a gown of white brocade satin, Princess style, with long veil, coronet style, of tulle and lace and she carried an arm bouquet of white chrysanthemum pom poms. The maid of honor wore a floor length gown of powder blue moire, with a silver Juliette cap and her flowers were yellow pom poms. The bride's mother wore red and black and the mother of the bridegroom wore black.

The bride's gift to the maid of honor was a gold cross and chain and the groom presented the best man with a bill fold. During the reception, Mrs. Mildred Foster Matheson sang, "O Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly" with Mrs. Beulah Haines, accompanist.

A feature of the wedding and the reception was the presence of four generations on the bride's side: her great grandmother, Mrs. Millie Campbell, Roxbury; her grandmother, Mrs. Florence Merrill, Bethel, and her mother, Mrs. Nettie Staples, Byron, and three generations on the bridegroom's side, his grandmother, Mrs. Caroline Carrier, and mother of Rumford.

Miss Thelma Shaw, a sister of the bride, was in charge of the guest book, and a cousin, Miss Lillian Shaw, was in charge of the gifts.

They left by automobile for Boston and Vermont. On their return they will reside in Roxbury. The bride traveled in a rose dress, wine colored coat with black accessories.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Millie Campbell, Roxbury; Mr. and Mrs. Zenas Merrill and Mrs. Abigail Gill of Bethel; Mrs. Phyllis Herriek of Carthage; Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Staples and Floyd Staples of Roxbury.

The bride was born in Greenwood and attended the Mexico schools. The bridegroom was born in Rumford, attended the Rumford schools and is employed in the Oxford paper mill.

NO HOLIDAY STREET LIGHTING THIS YEAR

So much misunderstanding has developed regarding the reasons for cutting down colored street lighting in the larger cities and towns it serves, that G. S. Williams, Vice President and General Manager of Central Maine Power Company, issued the following statement clarifying the power company's stand in this matter.

"About the middle of November each year is the time when committees of local Chambers of Commerce and Merchants' Associations set their plans for the holiday program, including in many localities the colored decorative lighting of the streets which is so attractive. This year, when the company was approached on such lighting, conditions had changed.

"Due to lack of normal rainfall for the past several months and also to the increased defense load which it has been called to serve the company, purely as a precautionary measure to protect this important defense load, asked that the decision be deferred.

"In the meantime, various statements based on misunderstanding, have appeared as reasons why the usual street decorating is not going to be had this year. At this time, although the actual situation has improved somewhat over early October, we still have to take a precautionary attitude particularly in view of our important defense loads. For that reason the various cities and towns have cooperated and agreed not to have the decorative street lighting this year. The company has not and is not, however, asking the individual stores, homes and community trees to cut down on their holiday lighting. The load involved is so negligible we feel that especially in these trying conditions in other parts of the world we more than ever should express our challenge to the conditions we are facing by celebrating this holiday season as we always have."

Temperatures down to zero were reported Monday morning.

Officials Honored at Meeting of Sunset Rebekah Lodge

After the regular meeting of Sunset Rebekah Lodge Monday evening an informal reception was held for Miss Esther Burris, district deputy president. The hall was decorated in Christmas colors with trees and lighted candles. In the receiving line were Mrs. Gerard Williams, Noble Grand; Miss Elizabeth Lyon, Vice Grand; Miss Esther Burris, D. D. P., Miss Beatrice Brown, D. D. M., Mrs. Lillia Sprout, Hallowell, Warden of the Rebekah Assembly; Mrs. Beulah Holden, Norway; Mrs. Helen Labbe, North Waterford, D. D. P., District No. 6.

The ushers were the officers of Sunset Rebekah Lodge, gowned in white. Music for the reception was furnished by the Lodge orchestra.

The following program was presented: Address of welcome, Mrs. Walter Jodrey; patriotic chorus, girls of Sunset Rebekah Lodge; reading, Ruth Carroll of Mt. Pleasant Lodge, South Paris; skit, Miss Carrie Wight and Miss Gwendolyn Stearns; patriotic reading and song by members of Mt. Hope Lodge, Norway; original poem by Miss Beatrice Brown; presentation of gifts to Miss Burris and Miss Brown by Mrs. Gerard Williams and Mrs. Walter Jodrey.

Refreshments were served.

BETHEL NATIONAL BANK

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said Bank in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday, January 13th, 1942, at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any business that may legally come before said meeting.

FRED B. MERRILL, Cashier, Bethel, Maine, December 1, 1941.

Send the Citizen to Your Boy in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps — FREE SEE PAGE TWO



"Maybe Next Christmas"

By ANNE MARY LAWLER

Ma Shannon—just plain Ma—lives alone in her old mountain home. Her four children all lead busy lives elsewhere. She wants them to come home for Christmas, which the doctor has told her will be her last. The house is swept and garnished like a jewel-box; the gifts are all arranged. But one by one the excuses come in. "Maybe next Christmas," they write or wire.

Her children did not come home for Christmas, but a strange thing happened that cheered this lovable old mother. You could never guess.

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DEFENSE QUIZ

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NOTE.—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington D. C. Also Stamps are now on sale at retail stores.

NEWRY CORNER

Christmas suggestions was the subject of the Farm Bureau meeting held at Mrs. Selma Chapman's November 18. There were ten members two guests and one child present. The next regular meeting will be December 10 on Rug Making at the home of Mrs. Daisy Morton.

Herbert Morton Jr. and family expect to move to Upton soon for several months.

H. E. Harlow recently visited his brother in Buckfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Emerson of Framingham Center, Mass., were

STATE OF MAINE
To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court, held at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-one, from day to day from the third Tuesday of said November. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1941, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Mary J. Bartlett, late of Greenwood, deceased; by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1941, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Mabel Harden Chase of Greenwood formerly Albany Township, adult ward. Seventh account presented for allowance by Ellery C. Park, guardian.

Winnie Emery late of Albany Township, deceased; First account presented for allowance by Blanche P. Emery, executrix.

Fred Hapgood of Bethel, adult ward. Sixth account presented for allowance by Mildred Hapgood Lyon conservator.

Augustus G. Littlehale, late of Bethel, deceased; Will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Lucien J. Littlehale as executor of the same to act without bond as expressed in said Will, presented by Lucien J. Littlehale the executor therein named.

Witness, Albert J. Stearns, Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-one.

53 EARLE R. CLIFFORD, Register.

PROBATE APPOINTMENTS

The following subscribers hereby give notice that they have received the appointments as indicated from the Probate Court of Oxford County. All persons having demands against the estates represented by them are desired to present the same for settlement and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Melvina C. Abbott late of Upton, deceased; Charles S. Williams of Bethel Administrator D. B. N. C. T. A. with bond Oct. 21, 1941.

Louisa E. Cole late of Greenwood, deceased; Ella Cole of Locke, Maine, executrix without bond Nov. 18, 1941.

Francis B. Tuell late of Bethel, deceased; Charles F. Tuell of Bethel Administrator D. B. N. C. T. A. with bond Nov. 18, 1941.

Philetia E. Whitney late of Bethel, deceased; Lizzie L. Whitney of Bethel executrix with bond Nov. 18, 1941.

SCHOOL DAYS

By DWIG



recent week end guests of her cousin, Mrs. Grace Arsenault.

A special meeting of the Farm Bureau was held at Mrs. Bertha Davis' Friday, November 28, for the purpose of electing the officers for 1942. The following list was presented by the nominating committee and accepted by the group.

Chairman—Mrs. Albertine Waits
Treas. and Sec.—Mrs. Bertha Davis

Clothing Leader—Mrs. Daisy Morton

Foods Leader—Mrs. Grace Arsenault

Home Management Leader—Mrs. Grace Hulbert

4-H Assistant—Mrs. Ida Richards
Defense Leader—Mrs. Daisie Warren

After the meeting tea was served by the hostess. There were eight members, one guest and two visitors present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Holt and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wight are attending State Grange at Lewiston this week.

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RED & WHITE Yellow Cling PEACHES No. 2 1/2 can 23c

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Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Bartlett have returned home from Upton.

HANOVER

Mrs. Chester Cummings went to the Rumford Community Hospital for treatment Saturday and will remain for a while.

C. F. Saunders was in Buckfield on business Saturday.

Phillip Redmond of Portland spent several days in town last week.

Mishemolwa Temple held its regular meeting Friday afternoon, with a fair attendance. Next meeting will be Dec. 12, the annual nomination and election of officers, when it is hoped there will be more attending.

Mr. Barnett has moved his family from Gilead into the old boarding house of Hanover Dowel Co.

Mrs. A. L. Lapham received the sad news, Friday, of the death of her brother's wife at East Bethel, (Mrs. George Haines), Mrs. Haines has been in poor health for some little time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lapham entertained at Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, November 27, with Cecil and Vervon Lapham and their families present.

Oxford Bear Lodge entertained Pennessewassee Lodge, Norway, as guests. A bountiful supper was served at 7 o'clock by the Pythian Sisters.

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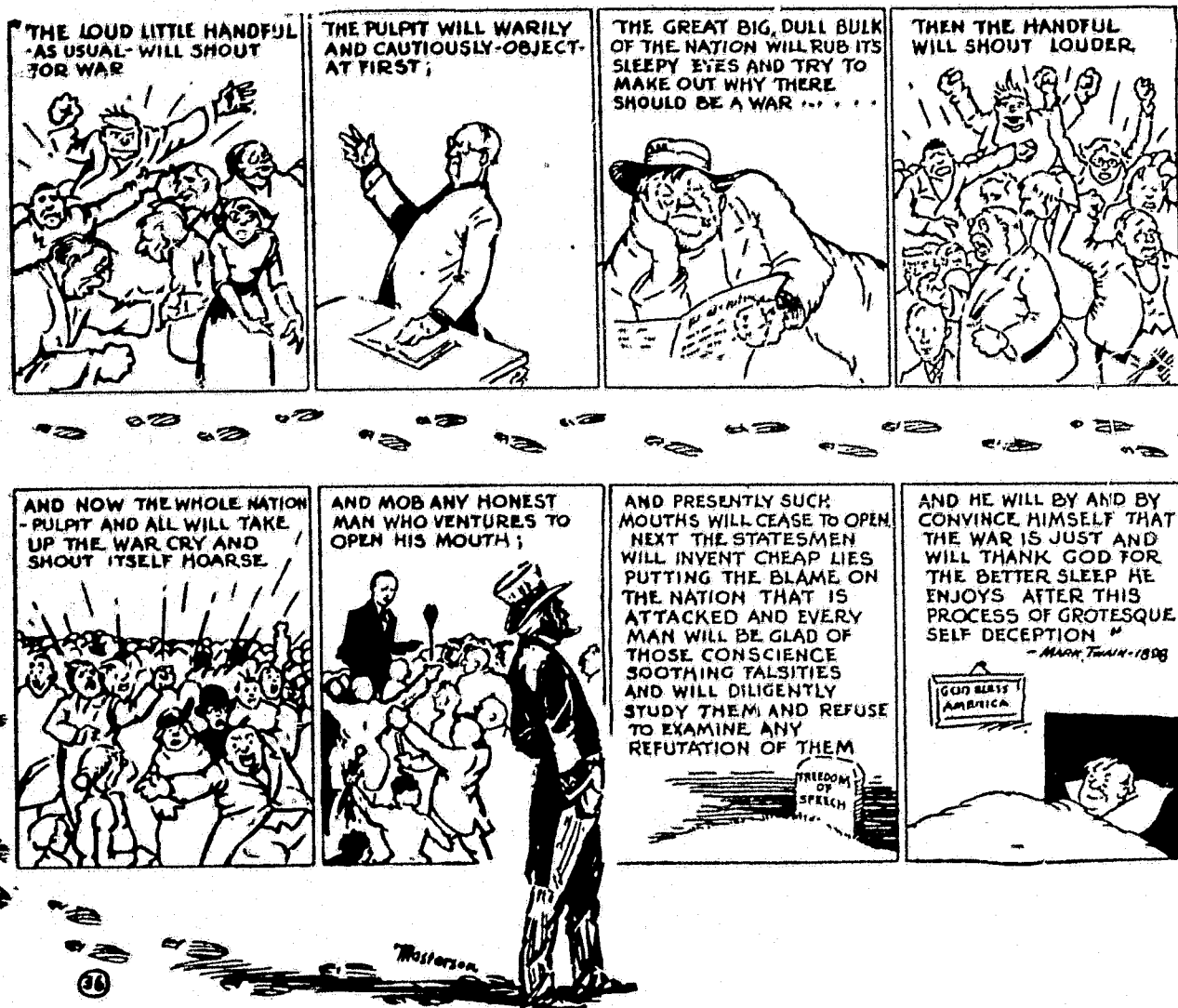
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THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

Summarizing Information on the Important Developments of the Week Made Available by Official Sources

The White House announced a U. S. Army contingent has been sent to Dutch Guiana in South America to cooperate with Netherlands forces in protecting mines there which furnish more than 60 percent of the bauxite supply to the U. S. aluminum industry. The move had the approval of Brazil, whose forces will patrol the Guiana-Brazilian border. The White House said the Army force would be withdrawn as soon as the present danger passes.

Foreign Relations

Following conferences with envoys of Britain, China, Australia, and the Netherlands and then representatives of Japan, the State Department announced it had presented Japan with a plan dealing with the Far Eastern situation. The Department said the plan was based on U. S. policy previously announced. The President told his press conference that for the present U. S. merchant ships in the Pacific would not be armed.

Army Progress

War Secretary Stimson told his press conference the Army "has shown really wonderful progress" in the maneuvers in the Carolinas. He said reports from the British in Egypt and Libya have testified to the excellent performance of American equipment being used there.

Mr. Stimson said although the great bulk of tanks fighting in Europe are riveted, the Army is ordering cast steel and welded tanks which are stronger. Gen. Wesson, Chief of Ordnance, reported arrangements for \$53,000,000 in facilities to make these new tanks.

Selective Service and the Navy Navy Secretary Knox told his press conference there has been a 15 percent drop in Navy enlistments since the torpedoing of Navy ships in the North Atlantic because parents are no longer as willing to give their consent to sons under 21. The Navy needs 13,000 volunteers a month now and beginning next July will need 15,000 a month. If sufficient men do not volunteer, Mr. Knox said, the Navy may have to utilize selectees.

Prices

Labor Secretary Perkins reported the cost of goods purchased by wage earners and lower-salaried workers in large cities increased 12 percent from mid-September to mid-October. She said a survey of 18 staple foods in 19 cities showed food prices also rose moderately during the first half of November.

Price Administrator Henderson announced prices of wooden household furniture were no longer going up. He asked manufacturers of mattresses, bedsprings, studio couches, metal beds and pillows to hold prices where they were on November 1, and announced the government is planning to restrict further price increases in water heaters, radiators and air conditioners. He also announced manufacturers

of more than 50 percent of all writing paper, book and printing paper — except newsprint — have indicated they will not raise prices further.

Priorities

OPM ordered a 10 percent cut in production by large manufacturers of vacuum cleaners for household use; a two-thirds cut in production of lead and tin foil for decorative purposes and for tobacco chewing gum, beverages, confections, films and similar articles. OPM also announced it will shortly institute a new priority system under which manufacturers of essential items will be allotted materials on a three-month basis in order to cut down the number of applications for priorities.

Priority Unemployment

Special Assistant Nehemkis of the OPM Contract Distribution Division, speaking in St. Louis, said Army and Navy contracts totaling \$31,577,000 have been awarded in areas where OPM found employment caused by shortage of materials for non-defense work. He said ten areas, including 75 plants and one entire industry, have been certified as eligible for these special awards.

Labor Supply

The Social Security Board reported 475,000 workers were scheduled to be hired and 100,000 scheduled to be laid off in 9,000 industrial establishments between now and February. Nearly 250,000 workers will be taken on in aircraft and shipping industries, the report estimated.

The Office of Agricultural Defense Relations announced that "if all possible means of conserving manpower and utilizing it efficiently are employed...farmers should not be handicapped seriously by labor shortages next year."

Assistant OGD Director Eleanor Roosevelt told a press conference the OGD is planning a "women's land army" to help harvest next year's crops.

Property Requisitioning

The President by Executive Order delegated to the OPM the power to requisition property under the conditions set forth by Congress in the Acts of October 10, 1940 and October 16, 1941. Whenever requested by OPM, any Federal agency is authorized to requisition property essential to national defense which cannot be obtained in any other way.

OPM issued a comparison of present industrial efforts with those during 1917 and 1918. The comparison showed the productive capacity of each worker has greatly increased because of technical efficiency, and that because of lower prices, the U. S. is now getting more value for every dollar spent.

Lend-Lease

Lend-Lease Administrator Stettinius reported lend-lease aid has steadily increased from \$18,000,000 in March to a present total of more than one billion dollars; contracts have been let for more than 75 percent of the first \$7,000,000,000; and the new \$6,000,000,000 fund is

being allocated rapidly. The Agriculture Department reported U. S. production of dry skim milk must be increased 40 to 50 percent to meet the total of 200,000,000 pounds required for shipment to Britain. Secretary of State Hull announced a lend-lease agreement with Iceland.

Defense Expenditures and Taxes

Federal Reserve Board Chairman, Eccles, speaking in New York, said "by the middle of next year defense expenditures will probably be running at an annual rate of somewhat more than 15 billion dollars above the middle of the current year... Additional taxation must be imposed and further restraints (to consumer spending) must be imposed." He said he hoped "further taxation... will first tap the corporate excess profits and the middle and upper individual income brackets..." An OPA credit consultant, speaking in Chicago, said "consumer credit control is contributing as much as the new Federal tax law to the battle against inflation."

Labor Disputes

UMW President John L. Lewis agreed to submit the captive mine dispute to the arbitration of a board composed of himself, Benjamin Fairless, President of the U. S. Steel Corporation, and John R. Steelman, who resigned his position as Director of the U. S. Conciliation Service to represent the public on the board. All mines resumed operations and the board meetings began in New York.

The President referred back to his special fact-finding board for further examination, the dispute between railroad management and labor. The U. S. Conciliation Service reported settlement of 68 other labor disputes.

GROVER HILL

Much sympathy is expressed here for Mrs. J. Burton Abbott whose mother, Mrs. George Haines, of East Bethel died very suddenly

on Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Jordan and Miss Eleanor Jordan from Mechanic Falls were entertained, Sunday, by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Tyler.

Rodney Waterhouse is employed by the Esso Pipeline Co. as a telephone lineman.

Mrs. Florence B. Davis and her brother, Robert Brown from Freeport, called to see their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan A. Stearns, one day last week.

Arthur Whitman, Miss Frances Chick and Mrs. Jeanette Trefethern of Portsmouth, N. H., were recent visitors at Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitman's.

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| ☐ Screen Guide | 1 Yr. | ☐ Silver Screen | 1 Yr. |
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WEST PARIS

The Oxford County Ministers Association met at the home of Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes Monday. A picnic dinner was enjoyed at noon. There was a good attendance, 10 ministers, two ministers' wives and two lay women preachers present.

Miss Mary Jacobson, leader of the Young People's Christian Union, assisted by Mrs. Charles Gordon, Mrs. Bessie Dunham and Mrs. Walter Inman, entertained at a Thanksgiving supper, Friday evening in the vestry of the Universalist Church. There was a good attendance. The recreation period was spent singing hymns and songs.

The Lewis C. Bates Men's Club elected the following officers at their annual meeting, Monday evening: president, Charles Gordon; vice-president, Raymond Dean; secretary, Stanley Perham; treasurer, Lester H. Penley.

Mrs. Phila Mayhew, who has been quite ill, is gaining.

The West Paris High School Alumni Association are rehearsing a drama entitled, "It Happened Next Thursday." The coach is Harry Jacobs.

Mrs. H. R. Tuell was the guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin L. Bowler at Portland.

Mrs. Mabel A. Mann has given up her prospective trip to Florida and will remain at home for the present.

A. T. Hollis, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is slightly improved and his daughter, Mrs. Betty DeCosta, has returned to her home at Westwood, Mass.

Mrs. John Ross returned Monday from a three weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Cummings and family at Beebe, Vt. Mrs. Ida Hadley went to Island Pond to meet her.

The firemen held their monthly business meeting at Community Hall, Tuesday evening. A supper was served and cards were enjoyed during the social hour.

ROUND MOUNTAIN GRANGE

The members of Round Mountain Grange, P. of H. No. 102, met at their hall at Hunt's Corner, Monday Dec. 1 for a regular meeting. After the opening exercises the following officers were elected for the year 1942:

Master: Leon L. Kimball
 Treasurer: John Meserve
 Lecturer: Hazel M. Wardwell
 Steward: Abner B. Kimball
 Asst. Steward: Roy G. Wardwell
 Chaplain: A. A. Bruce
 Treasurer: Lilla G. Stearns
 Secretary: Daisy E. Kimball
 Gate-keeper: Gordon Bennett
 Ceres: Viola E. Kimball
 Pomona: Edith Stearns
 Flora: Lena Kimball
 L. A. Steward: Alta Meserve
 Executive Comm. three years: Abner B. Kimball

Candy and pop corn were served after the meeting.

GOULD ACADEMY

The following students have received at least three A's and have no subject below B- for the last six weeks and have been placed on the Honor Roll: Seniors: Jane Chesley, Fremont Ireland, Herbertina Norton, and Elmer Runyon; Juniors: Louisa Bacon, Rachel Gordon. Sophomores: Anna Aldrich. Freshmen: Phyllis Tebbets.

The following students have obtained B- or above in all subjects and have been placed on the Certificate Roll: Seniors: Nicholas Amato, Hope Bean, Nora Chipman, Dorothy Fish, Maxine Flanders, Elizabeth Gorman, Ruby Jewell, Alzona Lord, Claire Reid, Elizabeth Runyon, Seabury Short and Charles St. Thomas. Juniors: Harriett Holmes, Gladys Neuwanger, and Carolyn Wight. Sophomores: Marilyn Abbott, Francis Berry, George Bryant, Peggy Cates, Margaret Chaffee, Barbara Coolidge, Francis Gilman, Stella Grover, David Hawkins, Anne Litchard, Edward Little, Marilyn Marshall, Alice Pierce, James Reid, and Jeannette Sargent. Freshmen: Mary Sue Adams, and Mica Swan.

Gould Academy's Football Banquet was held Wednesday night in the game room of the boys' dormitory. A very delightful dinner was served by Miss Sarah Staples and her loyal crew. Guests of honor were G. E. Loeb, director of Physical Education at Colby College, Coach Nitchman and Helin of this year's State Championship Team. Following the banquet each spoke briefly and then the squad saw the Colby pictures of the Maine Series games.

Elwood Ireland, Headmaster of Gould, leaves for Boston Thursday afternoon to attend the meeting of the New England College and Secondary School Association.

In addition to the regular grades on the report cards this six weeks, there will appear two grades. First, an achievement grading which indicates the figure obtained by comparing the pupils' grade with his capacity as measured by the Standard Mental Ability Test. There is also found the result of the Kuder Test of Vocational Interest, which has been given to all members of the school and indicates their interest in seven fields, namely: 1. Scientific; 2. Computational; 3. Musical; 4. Artistic; 5. Literary; 6. Social Service; and 7. Persuasive.

Last week-end a group from the student council attended the annual meeting of the Maine Student Council Organization, held in Augusta at the Cony High School on Nov. 29. Those who participated included Whipple Abbe, Washington, D. C.; Miss Emma Blake, Miss Carol Robertson and William Robertson, all of Bethel.

Another group attended the Y. M. C. A. boys conference held in Waterville on Saturday. The group

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1941

"It is our responsibility in this emergency to see that no one sabotages our American way of life."

So said Walter D. Fuller, President of the National Association of Manufacturers, recently, pointing a finger at America's political planners whose plans have failed to work smoothly in the present crisis.

Today those planners, Mr. Fuller said, "certainly demonstrate their incompetence and lack of foresight when they resign themselves to perhaps two million workers in non-defense plants being forced to sit idly by, on the relief rolls, at a time when America needs the work of everyone for the job at hand."

"And the job isn't all guns, tanks, planes and ships. If our American way of life is going to be successfully defended, there must be consideration given to the welfare of 130 million American people, who must eat, wear clothes, have shelter and find some relaxation as well as hope for the future."

For the days ahead Mr. Fuller advocated a program built on time-tested American principles such as encouraging industry, the principle of incentive, the principle of rewarding ingenuity, initiative, and hard work. With such a set-up, American industry could "produce increased quantities of the things we need to lick Hitler, lick inflation and lick another depression."

None preaches better than the ant, and she says nothing.—Franklin.

When all else is lost, the future still remains.—Bovee.

Trust not in him that seems a saint.—Fuller.

UPTON

Miss Ruth Judkins entertained the 4-H Club at her home Saturday afternoon.

H. W. Whitney is ill with a bad foot.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Angevine of Bethel called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Angevine, recently.

A special Farm Bureau meeting for election of officers was called by the chairman, Mrs. Eleanor Barnett, Monday afternoon at her home. After the meeting she served afternoon tea. The following officers were elected for 1942: Chairman, Mrs. Eleanor Barnett; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Lorraine Whitney; Clothing Leader, Mrs. Lettie Douglass; Foods Leader, Mrs. C. A. Judkins; 4-H Leader, Mrs. John Angevine; Home Management Leader, Mrs. Alice Hinkley; Annual Exhibit, Mrs. Jeanie Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Hinkley and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Judkins went to a defense meeting at Rumford, Sunday evening.

Edgar Worster has finished his work in Hartford, Conn., and moved his family home. His young daughter will be with Mrs. A. E. Allen this winter so as to attend school while Mr. and Mrs. Worster and young son will move into the woods, where he will be employed by James Barnett.

that represented Gould Academy consisted of Malcolm Brown, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Glendon McAlister, Bethel; Francis Gilman, Lovell, and Archie Young, Bethel.

MAGALLOWAY

Several attended the meeting of the Women's Council of Larger Parish in Upton Tuesday night. A nice lunch was served after Thanksgiving service and business meeting.

The Church served a chicken supper at the dance here Friday night.

L. E. Davis has sold his sawmill here to his son, who is moving it to Bethel.

There has been a good season at Big Buck Camps. Several nice deer have been checked out.

Mrs. Clinton Bennett spent several days with her mother, Mabel Cameron, who has been sick for some time.

Mrs. Warren Tucker has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal McGinley.

Mrs. Col. Enman has returned to Rumford Hospital for observation. Rev. Norman Scruton preached here Sunday. It was exchange Sunday.

The Older Young People Group started this week.

GREENWOOD CITY

Mrs. Lewis Britton of Tubbs District spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Clyde Morgan.

Mrs. Fred Curtis and infant son have returned home from Perham's nursing home at West Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Lauri Tamminen of Yarmouth and Mr. and Mrs. William Hastings of East Bethel were at George Cole's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Whitman have moved to Norway.

Galen and Frank Curtis each got a nice deer last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Libby and son of Portland are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Millett were guests of their niece in Minot, Sunday.

School Notes

Pupils not absent or tardy for 12 weeks of school are, Lillian Miettinen, Alta Millett, Gordon Morgan, Nancy Johnson and Joan Tamminen.

The pupils presented the following program to parents and friends at the school house, Friday evening:

Songs, Cheer Our Pilgrim Fathers, Thanksgiving Day, by the School Spelling, Keljo Sarrinen The First Thanksgiving,

Ardell Hayes
 Ruth Morgan
 Joan Tamminen
 Erwin Hayes

Song, Down in the Valley,
 Primary and First Grades
 To-Morrow, Alfred Hakala
 Soldier Drill, The Boys
 The Best Day, Waino Paapa
 In November, Earl Rogers
 What Thanksgiving Takes,
 Althea Rogers

Two Harmonicas,
 Earl Rogers, Ardell Hayes

An Old Time Thanksgiving, a play The Pilgrim Boy, Owen Morgan Freedom's Thanksgiving Day,
 Lillian Miettinen

Costume Drill, The Girls
 The Pilgrims, Alta Millett
 The Coming of the Pilgrims, a play



At the meeting of Sunset Rebekah Lodge Monday evening it was decided to hold the third in a series of whist parties on Dec. 11. It was voted to serve a supper for Mt. Abram Lodge, I. O. O. F., on Dec. 12 and the following committees were appointed: supper, Miss Beatrice Brown, Mrs. Gerard Williams and Mrs. Walter Jodrey; dining room, Mrs. Harry Jordan, Mrs. Frank Hunt, Mrs. Lucion Little; tickets, Miss Ida Packard; soliciting, Miss Eugenia Haselton, Mrs. Leroy Bennett, Miss Elizabeth Lyon; waitresses, Miss Hazel Grover, Miss Maxine Clough, Miss Elizabeth Small, Mrs. Alfred Brown, Miss Elizabeth Lyon, Mrs. Arthur Dudley, Mrs. Loton Hutchinson, Mrs. Warren Bean.

The Ladies' Club met at the home of Mrs. Henry Boyker last Thursday afternoon, with 19 members present. The program was in charge of Mrs. Frank Peabody, who gave an account of the lives and writings of the Bronte sisters. Tea was served by the hostess. The Dec. 14 meeting will be omitted on account of the Christmas Fair.

A business meeting of the W. S. C. S. was held at the Methodist Church last Thursday afternoon, after which the members prepared for the parish supper. It was decided, with the approval of the Sunday School Board, to give a Christmas supper for the Sunday School. Mrs. Hugh Thurston volunteered to act as chairman. Further plans for the sale, Dec. 11, were discussed. Christmas baskets will be filled at the next meeting at the home of Mrs. M. A. Gordon on Dec. 18.

Six tables were in play at the whist party sponsored by Sunset Rebekah Lodge last Thursday evening. Prizes for high score were won by Mrs. Charles Reed of East Bethel and Robert Kirk. Consolation prizes went to Mrs. Robert Kirk and Harold Chamberlin.

SCHOOL SAVINGS BANK

Week of Dec. 1

Grade	Savings Bank	Total	Per Cent
I	\$2.00	\$3.35	44
II	1.00	2.20	57
III		2.85	67
IV		2.60	70

V	\$3.00	\$11.00	
VI		\$2.15	38
VII		2.55	73
VIII	\$1.00	2.85	63
	1.00	3.20	58

\$2.00 \$10.75

Fourth and Sixth Grades have banners.

A sandtable project on the life of the Pilgrims, made by the Primary, First and Second Grades was on display. Popcorn and fudge were on sale after the entertainment.

Lillian Miettinen of Grade Eight has a perfect record in spelling for the first 12 weeks of school.

STATE OF MAINE

Referendum Question to be Voted Upon December 10, 1941

Penalty for wilfully defacing, tearing down, removing or destroying an official list of questions submitted to the electors, or a specimen ballot, FIVE TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

FREDERICK ROBBIE, Secretary of State.

Those in favor of the following proposed question will place a cross (X) in the square marked "YES"; those opposed will place a cross (X) in the opposite square marked "NO."

SPECIMEN BALLOT

YES

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NO

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Shall the law enacted by the 1941 Legislature entitled "An Act Imposing an Additional Gasoline Tax" be ratified?

The above question is prepared pursuant to petitions for Referendum and Proclamation of the Governor in reference to same.

SURPRISE! by Raemaekers



"I thought she was here alone! . . ."

BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mrs. Martha Zintl has returned from Lancaster, N. H.

Miss Madeleine Hall was at home from Lewiston over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Custer Quimby of Raymond, N. H., spent the week-end in town.

Mrs. Ethel Hastings is spending a few days at Rumford, the guest of Mrs. Bessie Bisbee.

Miss Rebecca Gordon is spending a few weeks with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hood of Danvers, Mass., were week-end guests of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dellison Conroy were guests of his father, Thomas Conroy, at Mechanic Falls, Sunday.

Mrs. Kathryn Trimback has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Elwin Storey, at Dead River.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Chaffin of Rumford spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Merrill.

Mrs. Addie Farwell is with the family of her daughter, Mrs. Chester Cummings, at Hanover while Mrs. Cummings is in the hospital at Rumford.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Robertson left Thursday to spend the winter with Mrs. Jane Noyes at North Conway.

Mrs. Mary Wilson has closed her home and is spending a few weeks with friends at Berlin, N. H., before going South.

Mrs. Herbert Wallace has returned from Scituate, Mass., where she has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. David French.

Mrs. M. A. Gordon returned home from Kittery, Monday, accompanied by her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hbrace Mitchell.

Stanley Hamlin and William Carter of Concord, N. H., were recent guests of Mr. Hamlin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hamlin.

The Parent Teacher Association will meet at the Grammar School building next Monday evening. There will be a Christmas tree and those attending will bring 10 cent gifts to be exchanged.

Mrs. Sidney Jodrey, Mrs. Millard Clough, Mrs. Archie Young and Mrs. Gilbert Brown were in Wilton Monday. Mrs. W. A. Clough, sister of Mrs. Jodrey, of Rumford accompanied them to Wilton, and also served the ladies lunch at her home on their return to Rumford.

UNUSUAL FACTS REVEALED

—by "Movie Spotlight"



BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mrs. William Chapman and infant daughter Betsey returned from the St. Louis Hospital, Berlin, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ireland of Bradford, Vt., and Miss Leslie Ireland of the University of New Hampshire were recent guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Scarborough, Mrs. Scarborough's mother, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Hattie Hutchinson and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin French were in Lewiston, Tuesday, to attend State Grange.

Those from Bethel attending Oxford Pomona Grange, No. 2, at Norway last Tuesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Holt, Mrs. Gertrude Bartlett, Miss Hildred Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin French.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rose of Portsmouth, N. H., for the death of their daughter which occurred last Thursday. Mrs. Rose, who was formerly Miss Lillian Fuller of Bethel, is at the Portsmouth hospital.

After the supper and business meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the Legion Rooms Tuesday evening Charles Freeman, manager of the Central Bowling Alleys, gave a short talk on the construction of alleys and the bowling game in general.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

We been reading lots about appeasement. We been reading appeasement ever since Mr. Chamberlain flew to Munich and Mama Perkins okayed the sit-down. I wasn't any too sure about APPEASEMENT, so I got out our Webster. APPEASEMENT is to pacify, by satisfying the other guy. So just right there alone, in the definition, you can see appeasement cannot work. Anybody knows you can't satisfy everybody.

So in the first place we should have begun with a haymaker and forgot about appeasement. Bullies savvy haymakers. Nipped in the bud, we would not have the worldwide jam we got now, and Mr. Hitler, and Mr. Lewis, etc., would not be strutting around and taking up the whole sidewalk.

You raise your offspring via the Freud system of appeasement versus via the wood shed, and some day he is gonna embarrass you.

Yours with the low down,

JO SERRA

ALBANY TOWN HOUSE and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Andrews had their Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 30 with the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keniston and daughter, Phyllis, of Bryant Pond; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Andrews and son, Rodney, of Randolph, N. H.; Mrs. Marion Whitman of Norway; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Keniston of Rumford; Pearl Hobson, Fred Hazelton of North Waterford; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews and children, Earlon Keniston, Miss Myrtle Lapham, and Junior Lapham.

Julia Buck spent Saturday afternoon with Muriel Lapham.

Rev. W. A. Bicket conducted a very interesting Church service at the Town House, Sunday afternoon with an attendance of eight.

Arthur Haselton was in Denmark one evening last week.

Earlon Keniston has gone to Andover to work in the mill, filing.

Jerry Carrier of North Waterford was a supper guest at Harlan Bumpus', Saturday.

George Logan spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lapham and family.

Flora and Alfred Brown and Ed Emerson spent the week-end at their home in Harrison.

Ray Andrews has finished work on the pipe line at the Shedd place.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lapham and Frank Madeiris went to Bath Sunday, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lapham and family.

Paul Carroll and two sons from Oisfield are cutting pine for Stanley Lapham.

Arthur Haselton was in Norway on business, Monday.

Among the lucky hunters the past week were Ray Lapham and Earlon Keniston.

OXFORD COUNTY UNITED PARISH NEWS NOTES

On Friday, the 5th, the Lovell Sunday School teachers and officers met. Saturday evening, the 6th, the United Parish Pilgrim Fellowship and a group of Fellowship-pers from Providence, R. I., will join in a party in the Wilkins House, Waterford.

Sunday evening, the United Parish Pilgrim Fellowship will again meet, this time for their monthly social session which comes this time in Lovell. Plans for the evening: lunches, with drinks provided by the Lovell group, will be eaten in the Center Lovell Vestry followed by a social hour. Guests at this period will be the Christian Endeavor of the West Portland Congregational Church. The worship service will be held in the Lovell Village Congregational Church with the Rev. Earle Sweatland and his group from West Portland in charge.

Monday evening, a Cabinet meeting is planned for the East Stoneham Church. And Tuesday evening a Cabinet meeting is scheduled for North Waterford. Wednesday, the 10th, the Building Committee of the Lovell Church is meeting to lay out future plans for the Church.

Hollywood never did a better "turn" for the Church, and incidentally for itself, than it did in the production of the movie, "One Foot in Heaven," the heartwarming experience of a Methodist minister and his family; their troubles and their triumphs. From both the dramatic and religious point of view the picture is strongly human; sustained; satisfying. Those few who believe all movies bad are left without a leg to stand on; the larger group that believes religious pictures are weak, poorly done from the dramatic and artistic point of view will have a new point to ponder. In other words, we recommend it.

SOUTH ALBANY

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wardwell entertained Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kimball from Wednesday night until Saturday night.

Mrs. Nancy Andrews has closed her home at Hunt's Corner and gone to Bryant Pond for the winter.

Leon Kimball is building a milk room for Murray Ring.

Mrs. Cecil Kimball called on her uncle, Ernest Stone, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wardwell entertained the following guests for Thanksgiving in their new home, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andrews, Mrs. Nancy Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Ring, Sonny Ring and Kaye Ring Mr. and Mrs. Harry's Hathaway and children, Phyllis, Harriette and Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Farnham, Alice and Leatrice Farnham, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kimball and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wardwell. Ivan Kimball was in Locke Mills Sunday evening.

EAST BETHEL

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bartlett and daughter of Rumford were guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bartlett.

Mrs. Lewis Smith was taken to Rumford Community Hospital Thursday and operated on for appendicitis.

B. W. Kimball is staying with his daughter Mrs. John Howe.

Earl Thompson of Onlyville, R. I., and Edgar Swan of Apponaug, R. I., were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Trask.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Burns were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Coolidge and Lester Jr. were guests of relatives here, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Verrill and daughter are staying at Lewis Smith's during Mrs. Smith's absence.

Mrs. Willard Farwell and son, Porter, were guests of Mr. and Mrs.

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O. B. Farwell from Wednesday until Saturday.

Donald Kimball and Alphonse Guillette of Hartford, Conn., spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Mellen Kimball of Bath were here Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Lillian Russ of Worcester, Mass., came Saturday night to attend services for Mrs. Haines and will remain with her brother, George Haines, for some time. Mrs. Dorothy Abbott came Friday morning and is staying with her father a while.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lapham of Hanover were called here by the sudden passing away of Mrs. Haines.

LOCKE MILLS

The Community Club whist party last week was held at the American Legion Hall with Mrs. Norma Tirrell as hostess. Prizes for high score were given to Clarence Howe and Bertha Kimball. Prizes for low score were given to Edmund Dorion Jr. and Mabel Farrington.

On Friday, Dec. 5, at 8 p. m., the Civilian Defense Committee for Locke Mills will present Mrs. Asa Pike, county chairman of the Maine Council, who will explain the various projects sponsored by the Council and answer any questions. The meeting is open to the general public and it is earnestly desired that we may have the town hall seats all occupied.

Mrs. Robert Kirk and son, Robert, of Norway are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swift, while Mr. Kirk is in a Lewiston hospital, recovering from poisoning in his hand.

Lee Roberts and John Hodgdon each shot a deer recently.

Mrs. Dollie Day has been at Lisbon visiting her son, Charles Day, and wife.

Misses Alice Chute and Orissa Walcott and Mrs. Ida Rowe attended the funeral of Miss Walcott's brother, Irving Walcott, at Mechanic Falls last Thursday.

Norwood Ford returned to his home Sunday from the Rumford Community Hospital, where he has been since being injured Nov. 17.

John Hodgdon has closed his home for the winter and is living with Mr. and Mrs. LaForest Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tirrell, Jean and Louise Tirrell visited Mrs. Tirrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Berry, at Gorham, N. H., Sunday.

Mrs. Ray Conant, who has been ill, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Elden Hathaway has returned to her home at Bryant Pond after visiting several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Bennett.

Wesley Kimball, who has been quite ill, is gaining slowly. Miss Joan Davis visited with Mrs. Doris Kimball and family at East Bethel, Sunday.

While at Lewiston Saturday, Ivan Farrand was taken suddenly ill and was taken to a hospital there, where an operation on his lung was performed. He is still at the hospital.

Elmer Fiske, who has been confined to his bed several weeks following a shock is gaining slowly.

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The CITIZEN OFFICE

Yes or No

Prominent speakers in opposition to the proposed 1/2 cent increase in the gas tax are being paid for their services. This information came to light at a public meeting in Gorham, Maine, Saturday evening, November 23, when a debate took place on the question between Representative Holman of Dixfield, sponsor of the bill, and Mr. Sullivan, Secretary of the Petroleum Industries of Maine.

Mr. Holman read from the Public Laws of Maine, 1941, Chapter 301, Section 3 to prove that the 1/2 cent increase which is proposed, will not be effective after July 1, 1943. Many people do not know that, but are led by the opposition, to believe that it will be permanent.

Mr. Holman stated that the average motorist uses about 500 gallons of gasoline a year. This extra 1/2 cent tax will cost him \$2.50 a year or \$3.75 for the entire period, but over a period of 10 years it amounts to \$30,000 and up to \$50,000. In the smaller towns, however, it will make it possible to reduce the tax rate all the way up to \$15.00 per \$1,000 valuation. In many towns the saving will be between \$3.00 and \$7.00 per \$1,000 valuation.

Mr. Sullivan, in speaking against the bill, said that the proponents of the bill stated very frankly, during the last day of the legislature, that this would be just the beginning of higher gasoline taxes. Mr. Holman denied this statement, and said that it is just the beginning of a reduction in property taxes in Maine, but that at the present time the proponents of this program have no idea of asking for any additional gasoline tax to carry out their plan.

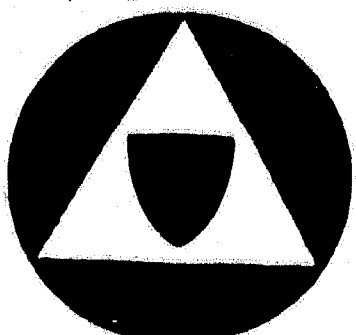
Upon being questioned by members of the audience after the debate, Mr. Sullivan admitted that he knows nothing about the "Holman Bill," and claimed that the "Holman Bill" is not the issue. That the only issue is the gas tax bill. Dr. Richard F. Chase of Baldwin reminded Mr. Sullivan that the "Holman Bill" is the real issue although it does not appear on the ballot.

Dr. Chase asked Mr. Sullivan why so many prominent speakers in Maine are opposed to this small increase in the gas tax for 1 1/2 years. This question was not answered and Mr. Chase stated that he understands that Roy Fernald was paid to debate this question with F. Ardine Richardson master of the Maine State Grange, in Portland a few evenings ago. This statement was not denied by Mr. Sullivan, although as secretary of the Petroleum Industries in Maine, he should be in a position to deny it if it is not true.

Dr. Chase then stated that he would like to know if the person who is writing all of the literature that is being sent out in opposition to this proposed tax and also the speeches that are being read against it, are doing it for nothing. It does not seem reasonable, he stated.

Civilian Defense Corps Insignia

Here are illustrated a few of the insignia of members of various branches of the Civilian Defense Corps. There are many other branches, whose distinctive markings may appear in later issues of the Citizen.



AUXILIARY POLICE

Rural voters were warned this week not to be deluded into a belief that their real estate taxes would be reduced automatically, if the state gasoline tax is increased 1/2 cent a gallon at the referendum election Wednesday, December 10th.

Miss Virginia Jones of South China, vice chairman of the Kennebec County Republican Committee and a member of the Maine State Grange, declared that farmers and rural real estate owners will not be guaranteed one cent of tax reduction on their property by passage of the higher gasoline tax rate, while they will be guaranteed their share of a \$900,000 increase in the tax burden on automobiles and trucks.

"Those who are sponsoring this \$900,000 a year tax increase must, I think, be very stupid, if they expect us to believe that we will save money by piling more taxes on ourselves," Miss Jones declared.

"They must know that 'replacement' taxes have been unsuccessfully tried in other states. I have in my possession a copy of a study made by a state chamber of commerce on efforts to relieve taxes upon property owners in nine other states through the imposition of 'replacement' taxes. In every one of these states the total tax burden began to soar as soon as the new taxes were imposed. Property taxes, reduced for a year or two, invariably resumed once more their upward trend, and gradually approached or exceeded the former peak levies. It was found that all incentive to effect economies in government was destroyed with the imposition of the new taxes."

"The study of 'replacement' taxes, also reveals that once a new tax is imposed, however temporary it is intended to be, it almost always stays."

"Anyone who knows anything at all about the history of taxes in Maine and elsewhere knows that the higher gasoline tax, if it is passed by the voters on December 10th is not going to reduce real estate taxes an equivalent amount."

"But the fact which few people in the state realize, a fact that the sponsors of the gasoline tax increase have been keeping especially quiet is that the state could take over all town maintenance costs without any increase of taxes of any kind!"

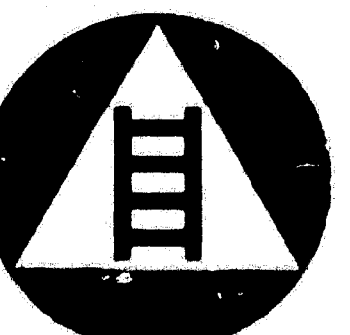
"Few people in the state are aware of the fact that state gasoline tax and license fee collections are going to be at least \$900,000 greater this year than they were last year. One question the sponsors of the gasoline tax increase cannot and will not answer is why we should tax ourselves \$900,000 more a year when it is not necessary."

"That is why all of us who own rural real estate should vote 'NO' on the gasoline tax referendum on November 10th."

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DRIVERS CORPS



RESCUE PARTY

Maybe Next Christmas

by ANNE MARY LAWLER

Ma Shannon's doctor has warned her that this is her last Christmas. She is unwilling to inform her children, now pursuing careers in other cities, for fear the news will disturb them. However, she plans a last family reunion and writes to each of her four children, Lydia, Kenneth, Robert and Sally, inviting them home to Mountain Creek for the holidays.

SYNOPSIS

In New York, Lydia is secretary-companion to a wealthy and dying woman, and in love with her employer's husband. She sees a rival in Margot Haines, a publicized beauty.

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She opened her mother's letter, and was suddenly touched. Home for Christmas! For a moment, Lydia was struck with a sharp loneliness for all the old familiar faces and places of her childhood. After all, she could fly West.

It had been a long while since she was home. Longer than she had realized. And besides, it might be a pleasure to return to Mountain Creek, sophisticated and handsome and sleek with her years of New York and foreign living.

The door opened. Carter Wainwright entered the dining room. As if by magic, Kate purred in from the pantry, laden with hemispheres of golden melon in valuable silver bowls.

"Good morning, Lydia," Carter's voice was warm and pleasant.

"Good morning," she smiled. Lydia reserved her tenderest and most womanly smile for her employer's husband.

"How's Eve?"

"She had a restless night. Dr. Mason is calling at 10. I've sent up a very light breakfast."

He frowned. "Talked with Mason last week. He's not optimistic. Babbled about the will to live and that sort of thing. Confound it, why should Eve lie upstairs in that monotony of a bed and just slowly fade away? She has everything to

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Lydia couldn't come. "Mr. Wainwright invited a houseful of guests," she wrote Ma.

SONGO POND

Wallace Brown has moved his family from Mrs. Swan's rent to the rent formerly occupied by Levey Bennett at Bethel.

Evelyn Grindle has the whooping cough.

Mrs. Florence Brown has returned home after a two weeks stay at her sister's, Mrs. Myrtle Charles, at Mechanic Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kimball spent the night in Bath with his brother, Ralph, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Grindle called at Mrs. Alice Rolfe's at North Albany one evening recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brown were at Hollis Grindle's, Sunday. Albert Kimball and Roger Clough

hailed fire wood one day recently. Jerry, Steven and Stanley Clough have whooping cough.

Mrs. Maud Grindle and daughter, Evelyn, are staying at Irving Green's at North Waterford while Evelyn is unable to attend school.

ROWE HILL

Frederick M. Davis visited at Chester Record's, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hanscom went to the "Tony and Juanita" show at Locke Mills, Saturday evening.

Winnie Hanscom and Rosalia Palmer are taking the First-Aid course at Bryant Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Lang and son, Merle, were at N. A. Bryant's, Sunday.

BRYANT'S MARKET

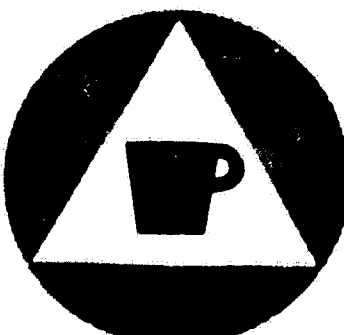
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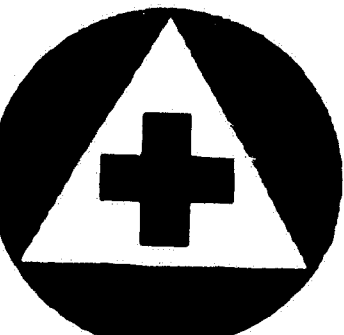
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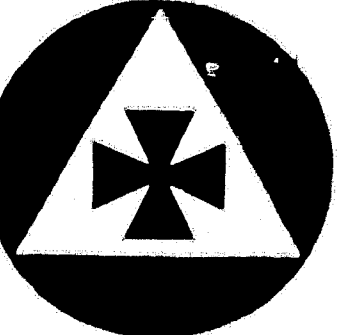
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Lydia nodded sympathetically. "Well," his voice was impatient, "I do the best I can." He ripped open Margot's letter with a ruthless forefinger, scanned it hurriedly.

Lydia spooned a mouthful of melon, waited breathlessly for his next words.

"Margot Haines is coming to New York for the holidays," he boomed cheerfully. "She and that old aunt of hers. Going to stay at the Waldorf."

The melon halted coldly in Lydia's throat.

"That's silly," he went on impatiently. "Why don't they stay here? A hotel's a cold place to spend Christmas. And Lord knows this place is big enough for a guest or two. We could have a nice dinner party, maybe. You'll make the arrangements, Lydia?"

"Of course," feebly.

When Carter had departed for the office Lydia wrote to her mother.

"Dear Mother—You'll have to count me out this year. Mr. Wainwright has invited a houseful of guests for the holidays and somebody will have to take care of things for him. I'm sorry, because I'd rather look forward to a visit home this year. But since the other children will be with you it won't be as if you were alone. Maybe next Christmas things will be different. I'm rather busy now. Will write more fully later. Love,

"LYDIA."

"Maybe next Christmas things will be different," she thought as she sealed the envelope. "Maybe I'll be able to go home as Mrs. Wainwright next Christmas."

Dr. Kenneth Shannon had suffered a trying day at the clinic.

Kenneth's disposition, never the sunniest, was shredding under the strain of petty problems when he opened his mother's letter.

Across the proud candles and spotless damask of the long mahogany table his wife's cool eyes met his. "A letter from your mother?" she asked idly.

Kenneth nodded, annoyed.

Phyllis Shannon turned amused eyes to the salad before her. "I suppose," she mentioned casually, "she wants you—us—to go back to Mountain Creek for Christmas."

"She does."

"It's a pity," Phyllis' regret was almost genuine, "but this year is simply out of the question. We have all our plans made."

Kenneth reread the letter carefully. "I haven't seen Mother in—how long—it must be over six years—"

"Five years. The Summer we went to Los Angeles we stopped off at Mountain Creek. Marilyn was two years old then."

"Five years is a long time."

Phyllis was properly sympathetic. "Yes, it is. But she will persist in living in that dreadful town, a million miles from anybody and anywhere."

The luxury of his surroundings pressed upon Kenneth.

"It was always a happy house," Kenneth said, more to himself than to the beautiful woman who was his wife.

Phyllis' well-bred voice beat against his ears. "It's sweet of her to want you—us—but I'm sure she'll understand."

"Understand what?" He was deliberately rude, deliberately inviting a quarrel.

But Phyllis was difficult to provoke. Calmly she continued, "I'm sure she'll understand that a man in your position has certain business—and social obligations. After

all, your father was a doctor. Surely your mother can realize—"

"She's getting old," Kenneth said suddenly.

"She's only 65," Phyllis smiled. "And she's a strong and sturdy woman. She must have been to have worked the way she did."

She must have been strong and sturdy, indeed. Strong and sturdy and indomitable, to have faced so tirelessly the hard and thankless work of a farm woman.

"Father has the house party all arranged," Phyllis was gently persuasive. "And Mrs. Andrews will be there," she added as an afterthought.

Of course Mrs. Andrews would be there. Mrs. Andrews was a fabulously wealthy old widow, alone in the world. And the Clinic needed a new maternity wing.

"Nobody understands Mrs. Andrews the way you do," Phyllis smiled. "And besides, Father promised Marilyn a Christmas party of her own. And you know how eager she's been about it."

Yes, Marilyn was like her mother, winningly and persistently eager.

Kenneth sighed.

Later, in his room, Kenneth struggled with the proper, polite and regretful phrases for breaking his mother's heart. The check was already written, a generous check, blushing in little waves of embarrassment and guilt.

"Dear Mother," he wrote, "if only your invitation had come earlier. But Phyllis and I have made plans for Christmas that we cannot break at this late date. And, of course, things are so situated at the clinic now that I cannot be absent for more than a few hours at a time. You know what a doctor's life can be. I am inclosing a check. Buy yourself a new hat. I know it has been a long while since I was home, but, as you say, you will have the other children with you and won't be too lonely. Phyllis and Marilyn and I will try to make the trip a little later on. Or maybe we will have better luck next Christmas. Love, Kenneth."

"Oh, well," he thought to himself, "maybe next Christmas—"

Mrs. Dorgan's select boarding house presented an unusually bleak appearance.

The third floor back at Mrs. Dorgan's was an unhappy cubbyhole, rendered even unhappier by the waiting presence of the landlady herself.

As Robert Shannon opened the door, he saw her sitting in the battered rocking chair, inevitable as death.

Mrs. Amelia Dorgan viewed her tenant with a frigid eye. "I wanna talk 't' you," she mentioned ominously.

"Now wait a minute, Mrs. Dorgan," Robert protested. "I told you I was expecting a letter this week and—"

Her glance was discouraging. "You gotta letter. I brung it up myself."

The letter wore no New York postmark. Robert faltered, "This is from my mother. The letter I was expecting would be from my sister in New York."

Mrs. Dorgan stabbed him with a vicious logic. "I give ya till tomorrow," she announced, "an' if y'r board ain't settled then, ya needn't bother coming back I ain't in business for my health, an' I can rent this room a dozen times over."

Robert rattled open his mother's letter and dragged out the single sheet of newspaper within. Five

worn bills fluttered from the envelope and fell bravely to the colorless carpet. He snatched them up, counted them desperately. Fifty dollars. He rushed to the door.

"Mrs. Dorgan—this letter—I didn't expect—" His hand trembled as he proffered a bill.

She snatched it suspiciously. "Ten dollars," she said reprovingly.

"On account. I told you I was expecting more tomorrow."

The green engraving slid from sight. "There's still \$20 more due," she reminded him.

Robert went back to his room, closed the door and recounted the remaining miraculous bills.

Forty dollars—enough to buy the desired dinner jacket, enough to redeem his typewriter from the pawnshop, enough to make it possible for him to sit like a gentleman in the same room with Perry Boyle, the publisher. Robert shivered with delight and relief. It was not until then that he read his mother's letter.

Home to Mountain Creek for Christmas? So that's why his mother, usually so careful of money, had sent him the bountiful letter. But—the writers' banquet?

"I can't go back now," he thought frantically. "I can't. I've staked too much here."

Too much—indeed. Three years of Mrs. Dorgan and her icy eye; three years of greasy meals, faded wallpaper, lumpy mattresses.

Three years of tapping endlessly on the patient typewriter, of waiting in outer offices with manuscripts under his arm. Three years of rejection slips. It wasn't fair; it wasn't just. This was Robert Shannon's chance and he meant to have it.

Sophie Nash was making it possible for him to attend this dinner. Sophie knew Perry Boyle; not well, it is true, but well enough to make a casual introduction. The rest would depend upon Robert. He had to be at that dinner. If he went back to Mountain Creek this Christmas of all Christmases, he had lost his one great chance of placing his novel before an interested publisher.

He sat down at the rickety table and dipped the scratchy pen. His mother would have to understand, that was all.

"Dear Mother," he wrote, "your letter was welcome and the money was a godsend. I was down to my last dime and I was desperate. Something has happened that makes it impossible for me to come home for Christmas, however. There is a dinner I must attend, an important dinner. I have carried my novel from one publishing house to another, but I am unknown, and nobody even bothered to read it. But this dinner will give me a chance to meet the most important publisher in the business socially. I have to go. Everything depends on it. I know you'll understand. When the novel is published—and it's bound to be—I know it will be—I'll pay you back a dozen times. Sorry about everything, but maybe I can make it next Christmas. Love, Robert."

"Next year," he exulted, "maybe next year I can go back to Mountain Creek and prove to them I made good. Maybe next Christmas—"

"Two letters for Miss Shannon," the gaunt desk clerk stated.

Sally took her letters over to the bulky sofa in the corner and surveyed them gratefully. The first was carefully addressed in Dan Davis' small-town crotchography to "Miss Sally Shannon, Hollywood Club for Working Women, Hollywood, California."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Miss Lillian Ladd of South Weymouth, Mass., is caring for her father, Ashburn Ladd, who is ill with heart trouble.

Lloyd Fish has resigned as teacher of the seventh and eighth grades in the village school. Wyman Lord of Harrison has filled Mr. Fish's place as teacher of the Grammar School.

Mrs. Clara Brown of Berlin, N. H., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph King, and family.

Mrs. G. Howard Judkins returned home from Lake Placid, N. Y. Mr. Judkins will remain at the camps for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Stevens and son, James, of Lake Pleasant, Mass., are the guests of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reemts. Mr. Stevens got a deer.

Homer Farnum shot a deer at Wilson's Mills last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Farnum and daughters, Ramona and Mary Stuart Farnum, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tirrell and daughters, Jean and Louise, went to Gorham, N. H., Sunday as Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Berry.

Miss Barbara Coffin of Rumford spent the week-end with Miss B. Arlene Swan.

The young people of the Bryant Pond Baptist Church went to Locke Mills Sunday evening and conducted the service at the Locke Mills Church. Miss Thelma MacKillop was the speaker. Music was furnished by the Bryant Pond Choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark C. Allen started Sunday, Nov. 30, for St. Petersburg, Fla., where they plan to spend the winter. Mr. Allen's sister, Mrs. Mabel Mann of West Park.

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The D. of U. V. met Tuesday evening, Nov. 22, when a group of Mrs. Inez Whitman with 15 members present. A Thanksgiving program was given, with readings by Mildred Dunham, Iva Farrar, Alice Wardwell and Clara Whitman. Refreshments were served.

Students who passed the holiday and week-end at their homes and returned to their studies Sunday were Bernard Cushman, Bryant Bean, Herschell Abbott, Rachel Twitchell and Barbara Cole, to the University of Maine, and Carolyn Dunham and Beatrice Hathaway to Farmington Normal School.

Robert Cummings returned to Clinton Sunday having been the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cummings.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McAllister were given a surprise party at their home on Elm Road, Saturday evening, Nov. 22, when a group of friends called, bringing gifts in honor of their recent marriage. The evening was passed socially with games, and refreshments were served. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. James Billings, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tyler, Miss Mona Twitchell, Miss Rachel Twitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Elden Hathaway and Wendell Twitchell.

Mrs. Lois Davis and granddaughter, Miss Lois Davis, who have been guests of relatives at Turner and Mechanic Falls, have returned home.

Miss Marolyn Ladd of Mt. Vernon, who has been the guest of her father, Ashburn Ladd, and wife, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Dorothea Billings, who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Billings, returned to Portland, Sunday.

Walter M. Kneeland of Melrose Mass., was the week-end guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Mann.

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4-H NEWS

The Perkins Valley 4-H Club, the first club to hold a judging contest in the county, held the same on Monday evening, Nov. 24, at the home of the leader, Mrs. Evelyn Appleby. The boys judged garden record sheets and the girls judged French seams. The winners were Gerald Poland, Walter Appleby Jr., Dorothy Poland, and Cleo Appleby. Phelps Poland, Shirley Benson, precept. The sewing girls started Virginia Thurlow, and Edith Sprague received honorable mention.

The Lincoln Leopards 4-H Club, Wilson's Mills, met at the school house Tuesday, Nov. 25, for their third meeting. All members were present. The sewing girls started on their dish towels. At the next meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 2, the members will start on their Christmas gifts. Joe Hovey and Norman Littlehale made chocolate syrup. Hot chocolate was served as refreshment.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS

GEORGE A. MUNDT UNIT

The George A. Mundt Auxiliary met in the Legion Rooms Thursday evening, Nov. 27. Eleven officers and members were present. Plans were completed for the Christmas tree and supper to be held in the Legion Rooms Sunday, Dec. 21. The chairman for the supper is Mrs. Henry Bennett, supported by the whole Auxiliary. Mrs. Jane Van Den Kerckhoven will have charge of the children and their entertainment.

Jane Van Den Kerckhoven was chairman of the oyster stew supper given the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening at the Legion Rooms. Mrs. Mabel O'Brien and Mrs. Adeline Dexter assisted in serving.

A few of our members went to Dixfield Saturday to attend Council meeting. Mrs. Henry Bennett, Mrs. Irving French, Mrs. Selma Chapman, also Mrs. Myron Scarborough were in the party who attended.

The sick committee reported on sending Mrs. Silver also Mrs. Chapman, remembrances.

Our centerpiece has not been drawn as yet but we are in hopes to have the drawing at our next meeting Dec. 11, at Legion Rooms.

There will be a Council meeting at Farmington Saturday Dec. 6, at which time National Vice President will be present. The next Council meeting after that will be held in Lewiston Dec. 13. All that can are urged to attend these meetings.

Mrs. Mabel O'Brien, our president, presented a beautiful cut glass salad set to the Auxiliary which was given her by Philip R. Burns, proprietor of the Red & White store.

The next meeting will be held in the Legion Rooms Dec. 11 at 7:30 p. m.

JACKSON-SILVER UNIT, No. 68

The Unit members sponsored "Tony and Juanita" of radio station WGAN at Town Hall, Locke Mills, Saturday evening, Nov. 29. There was a large attendance and the proceeds will be used by the Rehabilitation Committee. Refreshment were sold by the Junior Unit and their matron, Myrtle Clifford.

Ina Smith and F. Cummings reported her Unit, No. 68, at the Second District Council meeting in Dixfield, Saturday. The December meeting will be in Lewiston the 13th.

Friday afternoon, Dec. 5, National Vice-President Marie Hawthorne of Providence, R. I., will be in Farmington and that evening will be at another conference in Woodfords. These are informal gatherings and all members are welcome.

Assisting Dept. Membership Chairman Fennie Cummings with her Dec. 11, 11 a. m. broadcast over WCOU will be State Chairman of Rehabilitation Alice Gibson, Heidi Cummings, soloist, and Mrs. Cella Lamb at the piano. If you like the program, tell us.

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Private Duty, Faith Baldwin
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Not by Bread Alone, Mary Frances Doner

Wolf of the Mesas, Charles Snow
Christopher Strange, Ruth Eleanor McKee
One Thing in Common, Elizabeth To Sing with the Angels, Maurice Hindus

The Keys of the Kingdom, A. J. Cronin
The Sun is My Undoing, Margaret Steen

Arizona Fred, Frank R. Adams
The Venables, Kathleen Norris
The Snow Goose, Paul Gallico
North Side Nurse, Lucy A. Hancock

Let Me Have Wings, Margaret Widdemer
Above Suspicion, Helen MacInnes
Doctor Bradley Remembers, Francis Brett Young

Non-Fiction
Central America, Charles Morrow Wilson
Chile, Land of Progress, Earl P. Hanson

No Other Road to Freedom, Leland Stone
A Thousand Shall Fall, Hans Habe
I Was a Nazi Flier, Gottfried Leske
The Road of a Naturalist, Donald Culross Peattie

Journey to the World's End, Halson Melche
Mongol Journeys, Owen Lattimore
Catherine of Aragon, Garrett Mattingly

They Speak for a Nation, Letters from France
Zapata the Unconquerable, Edgcomb Pinchon
Good Neighbors (South America), Hubert Harrington

Native American, Ray Stannard Baker (David Grayson)
Young Man of Caracas, T. R. Ybarra

Inside Latin America, John Gunther
Looking for Trouble, Virginia Cowles

Berlin Diary, Wm. L. Shirer
Orphans of the Pacific, Florence Horn
France on Berlin Time, Thomas Kernan

Reveille in Washington, Margaret Leech
There are also several new juvenile and children's books of special interest. Among them are: The Shoemaker's Son, The Life of Hans C. Anderson

Aviation from Shop to Sky, John J. Flohtery
My Friend Elieka, Mary O'Hara

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 7th
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Herbert T. Wallace, Minister
9:30 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship
Sermon subject, "With What Measure?"

6:30 p. m. Pilgrim Fellowship.
Have you not a Christmas present to send to War Victims overseas? Our War Relief Collection is still open. So far the sum contributed is very small.

METHODIST CHURCH
M. A. Gordon, pastor
9:45 Church School. Mrs. Leona Swan, supt. Classes for all.
11:00 Sunday morning worship.
Special singing by Church Choir.
Mrs. Mildred Lyon, director. Subject of sermon, "Building Our Faith." Short business meeting.
7:00 Epworth League and Evening Service combined. Led by Epworth League.

Christmas Sale by Woman's Society Christian Service, Thursday, Dec. 13th.
Dr. Ezra Cox, nationally known lecturer and speaker, will speak at the Methodist Church Friday evening, Dec. 19th.

Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son then an heir of God through Jesus Christ. Gal. 4: 7.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 o'clock.
Services Sunday morning at 10:45.
"God the only cause and creator" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon that will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Dec. 7.

MARRIAGES
At Rumford, Nov. 29, by Rev. Fr. Paul Jalbert, Miss Clarice Campbell Shaw of Byron and Leo Carrier of Rumford.

DEATHS
At Portsmouth, N. H., Nov. 27, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rose.
At West Paris, Nov. 28, Edmund Brown, aged 68 years.

In Pomona, Calif., Nov. 28, Miss Mae E. Wiley, native of Bethel, aged 85 years.

At East Bethel, Nov. 28, Mrs. Grace Haines, wife of George Haines, aged 60 years.

MRS. GRACE H. HAINES
This community was greatly saddened Friday to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Grace Haines early Friday morning. She had been in poor health but did her own work and was as well as usual Thursday.

Mrs. Haines was born July 13, 1881, the eldest child of James H. and Nina Mason Swan. She married George Haines in 1903 and to them were born seven children, five of whom survive. She was a faithful loving daughter, helping care for her mother during her long illness, a devoted wife and mother and will be greatly missed by her husband and children. A member of Alder River Grange, P. of H. No. 145 for twenty two years and a member of East Bethel Farm Bureau. She was always ready to do more than her share when ever called upon for help.

Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters; Mrs. Dorothy Abbott of Grover Hill, Mrs. Bernice Noyes of East Bethel; three sons, Fred and James of East Bethel and Edward of Locke Mills; two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Mitchell, Bethel; Mrs. Blanche Trask, East Bethel; three brothers, Edgar of Apponaug, R. I., Albert of Locke Mills, and Russell of Stepaney, Conn.; seven grandchildren, Marilyn and Carolyn Noyes, Nancy, Peter, Gilbert, Nina and Fred Q. Haines 2nd, besides uncles, aunts and cousins.

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Sunday-Monday, Dec. 7-8
MAN HUNT
Joan Bennett, Walter Pidgeon

Tues.-Wed., Dec. 9-10
MY LIFE WITH CAROLINE
Ronald Colman, Anna Lee

Fri.-Sat., Dec. 12-13
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Henry Fonda, Gene Tierney
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Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake

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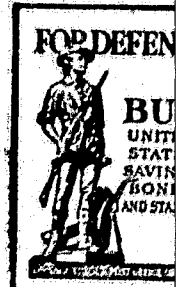
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